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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement of October 9, 2001. Applicant elects without traverse to prosecute Group I comprising Claims 1-10 drawn to a method for automating the management of an inventory of consumer items.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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